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REMARKS

Claims 1-139 are pending in the instant application. The Examiner has required restriction of the pending claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following 12 groups:

- I. Claims 1-21, drawn to a computer-implement[ed] method of finding an object in a group of N objects by minimal metric distance, classified in Class 702, subclass 27.

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